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An Evening Echo.
Might I give counsel to any young heart? I would say to him: Try to frequent the company of your betters. In books and in life that is the most wholesome society; learn to admire rightly; the great pleasure of life is that. —THACKERAY.

An Overworked Prophet.
Uncle Presley Morris, editor of the Parkersburg State Journal, has the necessity thrust upon him by the Pittsburgh Dispatch of ascertaining just where he is situated. It is all occasioned by the alleged unreliability of ground hog day. The Dispatch says with much show of reason, that the ground hog prophecy which starts spring as early as February 2, north of the Mason and Dixon line, or a hundred miles or so of that latitude, is sheer idiocy. The superstition might work out in the southern states, but in the north, where the line latitude and north of it, spring never did start February 2, so far as it and other old inhabitants can recall.

Digging into the subject, the Dispatch finds that the ground hog superstition is a southern tradition and corrects a contributor to a magazine to that effect, as follows:
Noting an article on the ground hog superstition in the Popular Science Monthly it is necessary to observe that its author, Dr. Hahn, makes one radical error. He says the idea "is a curious superstition," and says that it is unknown south of Mason's and Dixon's line.

This is a decided error. We do not of course, undertake to say that there may not have been other and earlier statements of the tradition, but the first of which we know, is in one of the late Port Crayon articles published in Harper's of 1860, in which the writer, planning a hunting trip in the North Carolina and East Tennessee mountains, is warned by one of his negroes that the ground hog has been seen that winter was to continue — which it did, according to the story.
Moreover, the character and nature of the superstition make it natural to the southern latitude. It predicts the coming of spring, some times as early as February 2, and some times not till the middle of March. Now, while there have been many times when the ground hog could not see his shadow on February 2, the number of times when winter has north of Mason's and Dixon's line ceased on that date, are about as many as hen's teeth. On the other hand, down about North Carolina or Tennessee a spring beginning in early February would hardly be more impossible than one beginning in this latitude about the middle of March.

It might be added that a weather indication by whose terms winter must end at one spot on February 2, and not a hundred miles away in the same latitude is to continue till the middle of March is of about the coherence that might be expected from a population of negro slaves.

Equal Rights and Suffrage.
"Equal rights to all and special privileges to none" has been the vain boast of Democracy from the beginning, but the party through its representatives in the national Congress has modified the boast so far as equal suffrage is concerned.

President Wilson listened to the women but told them he could not go so far as to recommend the enactment of a law giving them the right to vote, because the Democratic national platform did not provide for that. The women can now point out to him his effort to reverse a plank in that platform concerning canal tolls and charge him with inconsistency.

There is but little spirit, if any, in the Democratic party indications that women will be able to get the party to give them the equal right to vote. The Democratic press is not urging anything of the kind and several Democratic states are antagonistic to woman suffrage.

The Charleston Mail discussing the turn-down given the women in their appeal to Wilson and the Congress, advises the women to keep the movement out of politics as far as possible. The Mail says, in part:

The suffrage movement is experiencing an encouraging growth all over the country. Here in West Virginia it is in a healthy condition, and we doubt not, as we have said heretofore, that the coming few years will see the triumph of the movement in this state, providing the question is kept out of politics. Let it once get mixed with political parties in this state, however, and we see final legislative action looking to an amendment a long distance in the future. The women need not be cast down, so far as the action of the national Democracy is concerned. They should, rather, go to work with renewed vigor for the state, to be for the adoption of the suffrage amendment, and at the same time continue their efforts with the national administration for more adequate representation in Congress. Indomitable will and absolute refusal to be discouraged are the only weapons with which to win out in the long run. Neither President Wilson nor all the Senate and House can stem the rising tide of the suffrage movement. Sans politics, sans militancy, suffrage will win in America; maybe not this year, maybe not next, maybe not the year thereafter, but win it will eventually, as sure as the sun shines and the winds blow.

Paying Promptly.
Says the Fayette Tribune:
"Life has made a suggestion that is worth talking over.
"Let's talk it over.
"It is a campaign to influence people to pay cash for what they buy.
"It was done there would be established or everybody now relying upon their credit, a basis of prosperity. They would buy only what they need, and less, at least, of what they do not need. They would avoid the dangers of padded, or mistaken accounts. They would thereby enable merchants to sell their wares on a proper margin, because, to those that pay cash is charged the lowest price, and they would be able to pay for the goods they buy. That's inevitable.
"The newspapers of the country, by industrious agitation made the month of July a safe and sane holiday.
"By consistent dinging the newspapers, and telling people to the ground for early shopping during the Christmas holidays.
"If the newspapers like the idea, and will follow it up with equal industry and intelligence they can make the people save themselves and their merchants and neighbors money by adopting the 'Pay Cash' slogan."
The Tribune does not make itself quite clear. It probably means "pay promptly" instead of "pay cash." Generally speaking, all persons pay cash for the things they buy; that is, they pay it some time or other if they buy it. Merchants and other business men usually demand the medium of exchange provided by the government in the shape of coin and currency in payment for the things they sell.

Of course, if the Tribune wants everybody to pay promptly, and to pay in cash instead of promissory notes, or promises not even backed up by notes, that is a commendable thing, but it is not a new idea, nor one that the newspapers of the country have overlooked. Ever since the beginning of time, if not before, they have promulgated and advocated the virtue of prompt payment, which is simply another word for honesty. The Tribune has been preaching it, anyway, ever since it first knew Presley Morris, of Parkersburg, and that was ages ago.

But the idea of paying cash can be carried to a foolish extreme. Nobody does out a dime to the gas company whenever the meter clicks off a thousand cubic feet, nor do the milk, grocery, butcher, telephone, rent and other bills call for payment every time something is delivered. In fact, running accounts and credits are almost indispensable in everyday business affairs. Business itself rests largely upon credit. The credit it rests upon, however, is good credit, and that is the sort everybody should have. It can be had by paying promptly. No one should obligate himself to pay a bill unless he has some reasonable expectation of providing for its payment; or, better yet, some understanding with the creditor as to the probable manner and means of payment. It may strike some of the pay cash advocates as peculiar, but it is a noticeable fact that when payment is not prompt, credit wanes rapidly and finally ceases.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

On a Tango Exhibition.
There are a whole lot of people who would observe "Go to church Sunday," if only a \$3.98 parlor lamp was given as a premium. —Wheeling News.

Very Little.
Atlantic City's white fashion parade does not draw half so well as the antichristian parade on the beach in midsummer. There's a difference. —Wheeling Telegraph.

He Told the Truth.
Governor Sulzer told the New York Assembly that nobody knew more about graft than he. For once the governor's assertion will probably not be challenged. —Parkersburg Sentinel.

A Big Undertaking.
The West Virginia border patrol will pay a big undertaking as that which Mr. Taft placed on the Mexican boundary. But embargo on "ammunition" will never be lifted as a remedy. —Parkersburg Dispatch.

She Never Would.
If Jenny Lind had not made more noise than John, and better, she would never have received the ovation the American people gave her. —Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

He Sure Will.
If Colonel Goethals ever becomes the police commissioner of New York he will have to dig more dirt than he did on the Panama isthmus. —Huntington Advertiser.

Superior Fitness.
General Villa has again demonstrated his superior fitness for Mexican leadership by ordering murdered in cold blood an envoy who had come to him under guarantee of safe conduct from General Diaz. —Bluefield Telegraph.

Fell Flat.
An alleged Progressive party blow-out here in Parkersburg seems to have petered out in its noise about the speediest of anything that ever came down the pike. It may have had vim enough to start a ferry boat on the Styx but that was all. —Parkersburg State Journal.

Labor's Parasites.
The impeachment of Judge Alston O. Dexton, threatened by certain labor leaders, rather alleged leaders, need not give the distinguished jurist any concern. Those fellows who will not work themselves or permit others to do so, are excrecences on the cause of labor and should be suppressed. They are labor's greatest enemy. They bring the cause into disrepute and cause much suffering. They are an expensive luxury which labor is compelled to support. —Martinsburg World.

A Serious Proposition.
Some of the Democratic brethren are making a serious proposition of seeking to evade the responsibility of calling an extra session of the legislature. While we seriously doubt this, and do not question the Hatfield courage, we are inclined to the opinion that if anything on earth would test a man's courage, it would be the responsibility for the possibilities of a session of the legislature at this time. There are many good men, mature in judgment and true in principle in the legislature halls of West Virginia, but there is a considerable number of young men, and a considerable number of the demagogue's fleeting renown. Truly, it is a serious proposition. —Doddridge Republican.

SAYINGS OF A NUT

Hans Schmidt's conviction was no relief to him. The thoughts of a court career ahead of him as lengthy as that in the case of Harry Thaw must have been agonizing.

President Wilson has broken a plank in the Baltimore platform by declaring himself against the Panama canal tolls exemption of American coastwise vessels. The breaking of this plank will not hurt him half as bad as breaking faith with the people, of which he is already guilty.

An ex-chorister wants to know why state legislatures pass so many laws that are later declared unconstitutional by the courts. The reason is simple; the legislators have got to give the people something for their money.

The woman who borrowed eggs from all her neighbors when the price was forty-five cents a dozen and returned them when the price dropped ought to be on Wall street.

Nothing from Mrs. Pankhurst in several weeks. Speak up, Emmy; this suspense is awful.

Those militant suffragets certainly are "bum" throwers, says an exchange. If the writer of the above was married to one of the militants, he might learn that they are not such bum throwers when it came to frying pans and rolling pins.

A Mexican financier is quoted as saying that he can see no peace in store for Mexico. Neither can anyone except President Wilson and John Lind.

Is this "Go to church Sunday" that everyone is talking about, the same person who is holding forth in Pittsburgh at the present time?

The death of Congressman Bremer will probably check the rush of radium seekers to the Colorado fields.

From what we hear about Fred Blue and what he is going to do, we are led to believe that even camels would have a hard time existing in West Virginia after the first of July.

If there should be another coal strike in West Virginia after July 1, one is led to wonder if Senator Martine would be in such a big hurry for an investigation.

General Villa declares he will exterminate the Huerta forces and Huerta, on the other hand, says that he

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will wipe the Villa forces off the face of the map. Best wishes for the success of both.

Coming Events in Clarksburg

Monday, February 9—Old-fashioned spelling bee between men and women of the city. First Methodist church, auspices of King's Daughters.

Friday, February 13—The dancers, given by Sigma Gamma Club, Waldo hotel.

Friday, February 13—Chicken pie supper, given by Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist church, church parlors.

Saturday, February 14—James K. Hackett in "A Grain of Dust," afternoon and night, Robinson Grand theater.

February 16 to 21 inclusive—Champlain Stock Company, Robinson Grand theater.

Monday, February 17—Recital by Miss Christina Miller, contralto, First Baptist church.

Wednesday, February 18—Informal dance, given by Knights of Columbus, Hoffman Hall.

Saturday, February 21—Chicken supper, served by the ladies of St. Mark's Lutheran church, 5 to 8:30 p. m., Masonic temple.

Wednesday, March 4—"The Firefly," Robinson Grand theater.

Tuesday, March 3—"Stop Thief," Robinson Grand theater.

EDUCATION NOTES
School janitors in Salt Lake county, Utah, meet together in "institute" every year to discuss the technical side of their work.

Dinner is served to the girls who come to the evening classes in the Washington Irving High school, New York City. Instead of going to public restaurants, the girls come directly from work to the school, and spend the intervening time in the "gym" or reading rooms.

In Denmark the school teacher is almost always furnished with a house, barn and a few acres of land, according to W. H. Smith, a recent observer from the United States Bureau of Education. "The tenure of office for the teacher is for life or good behavior," and seventy-five per cent of the rural teachers are men who settle down in their respective communities, cultivate the small farm, act as chorists in the country church, and easily and naturally become leaders in affairs."

Community music is the latest in co-operation. The pastor of a church in Locust Valley, N. Y., found that the church, the school, and the young people's organizations were spending a total of about \$1,300 per year for music without getting the best results. At his suggestion they pooled their funds and secured for \$100 a month the services of a competent music director, who spends two days a week in Locust Valley, organizing and directing the music for the church and school, training a children's choir, giving monthly musical entertainments, and developing a choral society.

Eupils in the Dickinson High school at Jersey City, went to school from 4:30 in the afternoon to 10 o'clock at night on one occasion lately, in order that the adult members of their families might see the school plant in operation. Over 16,000 citizens took advantage of the opportunity offered by Superintendent Snyder to see what the high

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They will send the trade your way if you are willing to care for it when it comes.

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Let us suggest that you get in touch with the manufacturers and let them know just what you are prepared to do in the way of co-operative work.

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school was actually doing. The school program was carried out in the regular order, including the serving of the school luncheon about the middle of the session.

Each class in the Fairmont, W. Va. High school is named for some prominent citizen of the city. The citizen thus designated is known as the class sponsor, the class bearing his name instead of the usual number.

The sponsor takes a personal interest in the class. He entertains them once or twice during their junior and senior years, and assists them in different ways in their various class enterprises. In some instances sponsors have been successful in keeping boys and girls in school who would otherwise have dropped out.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN.
The Rev. D. W. Cunningham, of Adamston, will begin a revival meeting in the Wilsonburg United Brethren church at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

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Avoid Plumbing troubles of the past. Get Spencer. BELL PHONE 721. Laboratory Building.

BETTER VOLUME OF ORDERS FOR GLASS
During the Week is Noted Than for Any Like Period for Some Time.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 7.—The current number of the Glassworker gives the following review of the window glass situation:
Quite a satisfactory amount of business was booked in window glass circles during the week and affairs in general appear to be progressing on a substantial basis. A better volume of orders has resulted from the recent trade announcements pertaining to the question of prices, and it appears to be the general opinion that factory operations will go forward without a break during the remainder of the blast.
That the market has been strengthened is patent to all. Shipments from the various factories are going forward briskly and in quite a number of instances stocks of glass have been very materially reduced. Light stocks are reported in several localities, and in view of the fact that dealers in general are by no means overbought, all indications point to a continuance of present stable conditions.
The hand operated factories are plugging along steadily and, practically every individual report received by this paper for some time past has been to the effect that the full production is being secured, there being no scarcity of skilled workmen reported up to the present time.
J. R. Johnston, president of the Elk bridge.

WOMEN ARRESTED.
Two women giving their names as Bessie Davis and Mary Calvert were arrested before Mayor WHI H. Cole in police court this morning on a charge of loitering on the streets and were released from custody on promises to leave the city. They were arrested last night on the Glen bridge.

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